GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNMANNED UNDERWATER VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) proposes to develop unmanned underwater vehicles and seabed arrays to protect the entire nation by ocean surveillance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time will be taken to develop unmanned underwater vehicles and seabed arrays; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government for early development of underwater vehicles and seabed arrays?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has undertaken projects to develop necessary technologies in respect of Seabed Arrays and Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV). These ongoing Technology Development projects are likely to be completed by December 2009.